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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is time to prepare for [FIRST NAME] starting school. In order for your child to learn in a healthy environment, North Dakota law requires that children be immunized prior to attending school. According to the North Dakota Immunization Information System, your child still needs one or more immunizations before beginning school. The table below lists the vaccine(s) that your child requires before 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact your child's doctor's office or local public health unit to make an appointment for your child to be vaccinated prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Vaccine(s) Required Prior to School Entry

In addition to the required vaccines for school listed above, your child is recommended to receive the vaccines listed in the table below.

Vaccine(s) Recommended

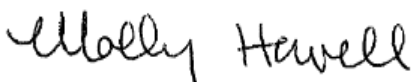
With the current COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and around the world, the importance of vaccinations has become more critical. Having vaccine preventable diseases and COVID-19 circulating within a school at the same time would lead to large numbers of school absences, school closures, and adversely affect the health of the students. North Dakota healthcare providers and local public health units are taking every precaution to ensure your child can receive their immunizations safely during the pandemic. Don't wait until the last minute to have your child vaccinated.

When immunized, please be sure to get a copy of your child's immunization record to give to your child's school. For more information about school immunization requirements, please visit [www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Schools-ChildCare/](http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Schools-ChildCare/).

If you received this letter in error or would like to opt out of receiving immunization reminders from the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), please complete an online form at [www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Reminder/Default.aspx](http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Reminder/Default.aspx).

If you have any questions, please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.3386 or 800.472.2180.

Sincerely,



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